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SPRING 2005

SPRING TURKEY HUNTING

Scott Gardner, DFG wild turkey biologist, says that the 2005 spring turkey season is going to be good. The spring weather in 2004 with moderate rainfall allowed for good survival of young turkeys.

Spring turkey season is from March 26 - May 1, 2005. The spring season bag and possession limit is one bearded turkey per day and three per season. A bearded turkey is one having a beard visible through the breast feathers. An Upland Game Bird Stamp is required by adult license holders to hunt turkeys.

Spring shooting hours are from one-half hour before sunrise to 4:00 p.m.

In California, the Rio Grande turkeys are found in the blue oak covered foothills and sometimes in the Central Valley river bottom habitat. When scouting an area for turkey sign look for tracks, feathers, scratching, dusting areas and droppings. Look for dusting areas with tracks in them or roost trees with droppings and feathers under them. In dry areas, search around water sources for turkey tracks. The best times to look or listen for turkeys include the early morning hours from one-half hour before sunrise until mid-morning, and late in the evening as the turkeys go to roost.

The male turkey gobblers primarily for two reasons: to attract hens for breeding purposes, and asserting dominance. Although more common in the spring, gobblers can be heard throughout the year.

Turkeys also "yelp". Both gobblers and hens, as well as young turkeys (jakes and jennies) will use one form or another of the yelp, often as a basic communication call.

There are many different types of yelps, ranging from quiet tree yelps made by hens while still on the roost, to louder, coarse gobbler yelps made by both adult and juvenile males. The translation of any yelp depends largely on the call's volume, intensity, cadence or rhythm, and frequency, or how often it's repeated or the length of the call's duration. A tree yelp, for instance, may contain only three or four low-volume calls, while a turkey that's become separated from the flock may yelp 18 or 20 times in a row, and with much more enthusiasm and volume.

If you do not hear gobblers calling, try a crow call, owl call, shock call, or predator call in early morning or just before dark. Gobblers will often respond, giving away their location.

The most effective way to call a spring gobbler is by reproducing the sounds a hen makes. The easiest calls to master are the friction calls (box, peg and slate, peg and glass, or push button). Diaphragm mouth calls are the most versatile calls but require much practice.

Beginners should remember that it is better to call too softly than too loudly, and to call too rarely than too frequently. Timing, or rhythm, can be more important than the actual quality of sound.

The best camouflage clothing is both protective and comfortable. Hands, face, and gun should be camouflaged. The illusion of depth is the key to great camouflage clothing. Earth tone colorations and careful arrangement of simulated limbs, leaves, sticks, and twigs in clothing can make one disappear into the surrounding terrain. Never wear clothing that contains the colors red, white, or blue because they can be mistaken for colors found on wild turkeys.

Shot size used to hunt wild turkeys is typically #4, #5, or #6. A turkey hunter shoots for a specific spot on the bird, namely the head and neck. Multiple pellet hits in this area is the best way to bag a wild turkey.

Jakes are 1-year old or younger toms which have spent the fall establishing dominance among themselves. They usually avoid the older toms and come silently to a hen call.

Most of us would like to shoot the biggest, oldest gobbler. He is likely to be the dominant one within a flock. When watching a small group of gobblers in the spring as they approach a hen or come to your calling, look for the long beard that does most or all of the strutting. The other gobblers around the dominant bird will often strut, too, but usually they will not strut as long or as fully fanned.

In addition to establishing hunting regulations that promote healthy wild turkey populations, another key component of the Department's management efforts for wild turkeys is an aggressive trap-and-transplant program. For many years, the Department has expanded the Rio Grande Wild Turkey into many new locations in lower elevation oak woodlands. Most public lands at this elevation now have wild turkeys and the Department has focused transplant efforts on the Merriam's Wild Turkey. This type of wild turkey is adapted for higher elevation habitats, many of which are publicly owned national forests.

Proper Use of Decoys - By the National Wild Turkey Federation

A decoy should never be visible while being transported, cover it.

Whenever possible, set-up by a "stand" tree that is wider than your shoulders and taller than your head.

From your seated position, identify the clearest line of vision to your front. Establish a "sight line" that allows you 100 yards visibility. Then set your decoy(s) approximately 20 yards from your position on the line.

Should you see another hunter (especially if he/she is close to your "line of sight") call out to them in a loud, clear voice. Their presence has already compromised your location and a "soft" call may only confuse them, rather than alerting them to your presence.

If you are calling over decoys and then elect to move to a new location, check carefully to ensure that no one is stalking your decoys. Check before leaving your "stand" tree. Should you see someone in the area, call out to them in a loud, clear voice.

Places to Hunt Wild Turkeys with a Reservation

(Reservations may only be required for the first weekend or first few days of turkey season)

Spenceville Wildlife Area (11,213 acres) and Daugherty Hill WA (4,200 acres) - Both Type C WA's are 20 miles east of Marysville. Permits issued by drawing at the DFG, Region 2 office for Sat., Sun., and Wed., for the first 9 days of spring turkey season. Non-reservation public hunting begins Monday, April 4, 2005. No reservations needed during the fall season. For maps call DFG Region 2 at (916) 358-2900. - Drawing Open to All. Hunt Dates: March 26, 27, 30, April 2 and 3, 20045

Oroville Wildlife Area (11,871 acres -Type C Area) West of Oroville CA. All spring turkey hunting by reservation only. No fall turkey hunting on this area. For maps call DFG, Region 2 at (916) 358-2900. Drawing Open to All. Hunt Periods: March 26-27, April 9-10, and April 23-24, 2005.

How to Apply for Spenceville, Daugherty Hill and Oroville WA's: Fill out a standard, 4x6 US postal card with the hunter's name, address, phone and hunting license number. Include which area you are applying for and your choice of hunt dates in order of preference. Up to 4 hunters may apply per postcard and both must include their hunting license number. For the Daugherty Hill WA, please note a preference for the Daugherty Hill Unit or the Donovan Hill Unit. You may submit only one application for each of the three wildlife area drawings. Send completed postcards to: Department of Fish and Game, 1701 Nimbus Road, Suite A, Rancho Cordova, California 95670. All applications must be received by 5:00pm on Wednesday, March 10, 2004 and the computer drawing will be held on Thursday, March 11, 2004. Each successful applicant will receive a permit, map and instructions by March 16, 2004 via mail. Successful applicants will also be posted at the address listed above. Forty spaces per day are available at Spenceville WA, 21 per day at Daugherty Hill WA and 15 per hunt period at Oroville WA.

Lake Sonoma - 14 miles west of Healdsburg. Fall and spring turkey hunting by reservation only. For information contact the DFG, Region 3 at 707 944-5500. No other hunting allowed.

Lake Sonoma Spring Turkey Hunt- Liberty Glen - Drawing Open to All Hunt Date: March 26 and March 27, 2005 Contact: (707) 944-5500 How to Apply: Ten hunters will be drawn for each hunt, and each hunter can take one (1) hunting guest. Applicants may apply for only one hunt day in each season. Fill out a postcard with the hunter's name, address, phone number, hunting license number and hunt date for which you are applying. Send completed postcards (one name per card) to: DFG, Lake Sonoma Spring Turkey Hunt, PO Box 47, Yountville, CA 94599. All applications must be received by 5:00 pm on Thursday, March 10, 2005 and the drawing will be held on Friday, March 11, 2005.

Lake Sonoma "Junior" Spring Turkey Hunt – Yorty Creek - Hunt Dates: April 3 and 4, 2005. Contact: (707) 944-5500. How to Apply: Ten hunters will be drawn for each hunt, and each junior hunter can take one (1) hunting guest. The junior hunter can take either another licensed junior hunter or an adult hunter. Two junior hunters must be accompanied by an adult. Fill out a postcard with the junior hunter's name, address, phone number, hunting license number and hunt day requested. Send completed postcards to: Department of Fish and Game, Lake Sonoma "Junior" Spring Turkey Hunt, PO Box 47, Yountville, CA 94599. All applications must be received by 5:00pm on Thursday, March 10, 2005 and the drawing will be held on Friday, March 11, 2005.

University of California at Browns Valley "Junior" Spring Turkey Hunt - The University of California Field Station is located 20 miles east of Marysville. This is the only hunting offered during the spring season. Fifteen openings for junior hunters are available for each of the 4 hunt days of April 9-10 and 23-24, 2005. Volunteer guides may be available. See application in this issue.

Cache Creek Wildlife Area (3,860 acre of DFG land) and Cache Creek Management Area (85,000 acres of BLM land) in Lake, Yolo and Colusa Counties. Habitat: Oak grassland and dense chaparral. There are 3 access points. 1. North Fork Cache Creek Trailhead; from Interstate Highway 5 at Williams, go west on Highway 20 approximately 33 miles to the parking lot on the south side of the road. The entrance is immediately past where Highway 20 crosses over North Fork Cache Creek. From Highway 101 at Calpella, go east on Highway 20 about 48 miles to the parking lot. 2. Langs Peak Road Access; take Highway 16 south of Highway 20 to County Road 40. Follow the winding switchbacks for 4.5 miles to Langs Peak Road. Langs Peak road is a 4WD road. 3. Davis Street Access; take Highway 53 south off Highway 20 to 40th Avenue and turn left at the stop light. Make immediate left and follow to Davis Street. Access is to the left of the Clearlake landfill entrance. Deer, bear, wild pig, coyote, wild turkey, CA and mtn quail, mourning dove, tree squirrel, band-tailed pigeon, cottontail and jackrabbit are present. An entry permit for hunting, issued by special drawing by the DFG, is required for the first two days of the spring turkey season. The Payne Ranch (13,000 acres) was recently purchased to improve habitat for wildlife and the tule elk herd. Call the BLM Ukiah office at (707) 468-4000 for a detailed map or the DFG at (707) 944-5500

Cache Creek Management Area Spring Wild Turkey Hunt: Drawing Open to All. Wild turkey hunts for the opening weekend of the spring wild turkey season at Cache Creek Wildlife Area (DFG) and Cache Creek Management Area (BLM) on March 26-27, 2005 will be by permit only, with 40, 2-day permits issued by special drawings. Hunting open to all on Monday, March 28.

Drawing: All applications must be received by 5:00 pm, Thursday, March 3, 2005 to be included in the drawing on March 4, 2005.

Applications: Only one application per hunter. Two hunters may apply on one application. Submit a standard Postal Service size postcard (one or two hunters per card) with name & mailing address, telephone number, and hunting license number of each hunter. Mail to: DFG, Cache Creek Spring Turkey Hunt, PO Box 47, Yountville, CA 94599. Successful applicants will be issued a permit by mail. Additional information and a map of the hunt area will be included.

Places to Hunt Wild Turkeys Without a Reservation:

Feather River Wildlife Area - Type C Area - Units are located 23-28 miles north of Sacramento on both sides of the Feather River. This WA is occasionally flooded during spring turkey season. The Lake of the Woods Unit (700 acres) is located 25 miles north of Sacramento and 10 miles south of Marysville on Feather River Boulevard. Walk-in access is south from the Star Bend Fishing Access. The Nelson Slough Unit (800 acres) is located 23 miles north of Sacramento, 17 miles south of Yuba City and under the Highway 99 Feather River Bridge. Access is east or west on Sacramento Avenue. The O'Connor Lake's Unit (471 acres) and the Abbott Lake Unit (439 acres) are 30 miles north of Sacramento and 10 miles south of Yuba City at the east end of Star Bend Road. Park on top of the levee at the end of Star Bend Road. For maps call DFG, Region 2 at (916) 358-2900.

Lake Oroville State Recreation Area - The majority of the Recreation Area lands consists of a narrow strip surrounding Oroville Lake extending a minimum of 300 feet from the high water line to one-half mile or more in some areas. Some U.S. Forest Service and BLM lands adjoin the Recreation Area. Hunting on or from the water surface of Lake Oroville is prohibited. For a map contact the Lake Oroville State Recreation Area, 400 Glen Drive, Oroville, CA 95966 or call (916) 538-2200 or 538-2219.

State Game Refuge 1G in Tehama County is open for spring turkey hunting - 45 miles east of Red Bluff via Highway 36. State Game Refuges are normally closed to all hunting. For a map call DFG, Region 1 at (530) 225-2300.

Tehama Wildlife Area (44,601 acres - Type C Area) - Open for hunting all year except that no person shall enter that portion of the Tehama Wildlife Area lying south of Antelope Creek during the period beginning on the first Monday in December through the last Friday in March. Habitat is rolling hills covered with oak trees and brush. All of the area is open for turkey hunting. No pig hunting except during February/March by USE PERMIT only. Deer, wild turkey, coyotes, and CA quail, are popular game species. Located 23 miles east of Red Bluff via Highway 36. Call (530) 597-2201 for a map or info.

Black Butte Reservoir (3000 acres) - 25 miles west of Chico via Highway 32 and Newville Road. For a map contact the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 19225 Newville Road, Orland, CA 95963 or call (916) 865-4781.

Auburn State Recreation Area (30,000 acres) - South of Interstate 80 near Auburn. Hunting is allowed from Sept. 1 to Jan. 31 and spring turkey season. Only shotguns, rifles or bows and arrows may be used. Popular game species include deer, valley quail, dove, bandtail pigeon and wild turkey. Write the Auburn State RA, CA Dept. of Parks and Recreation, P.O. Box 3266, Auburn, CA 95604 or call (916) 885-4527/988-0205 for maps and information.

New Hogan Lake (400 acres) - 30 miles east of Stockton. For a map contact the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 2713 Hogan Dam Blvd., Valley Springs, CA 95252 or call (209) 772-1343.

Mendocino NF east of Covelo (Mendocino County) and in the Lake Pillsbury area (Lake County). For a map contact the Mendocino NF, 420 East Laurel St., Willows, CA 95988 or call (916) 934-3316.

Indian Valley Wildlife Area (1,600 acres of DFG land) and Indian Valley Management Area (50,000 acres of BLM land) in Lake and Colusa Counties -Habitat: Dense chaparral with small scattered pockets of oak grassland. Access: About 27 miles west of Williams or 14 miles east of Clearlake Oaks on Highway 20 to Walker Ridge Road. Travel north on Walker Ridge Road to Indian Valley Reservoir. Deer, bear, wild pig, coyote, wild turkey, waterfowl, CA and mtn quail, dove, tree squirrel, cottontail and jackrabbit are present. The BLM has developed two campgrounds with water and restroom facilities. A boat ramp is available at the north and south ends of the lake. Warmwater fishing in the reservoir for largemouth bass, crappie, rainbow trout, bluegill and catfish. Cache Creek below the reservoir is planted with brown trout and is open during trout season. BLM in Ukiah at 707 468-4000.

Cow Mountain Recreation Area (50,000 acres of BLM land) in Lake and Mendocino Counties. Habitat: Rugged chaparral with some oak woodland. Access from Ukiah, 5 miles via Talmage and Mill Creek roads. Access from Lakeport, 5 miles via Scott Creek Road which is a rugged unimproved dirt road, and is closed during the winter due to impassable high water. Because these roads are narrow and winding with steep slopes, large recreational vehicles and travel trailers are not recommended. The rifle range, located just north of the Willow Creek Day Use Site, has been developed specifically for target shooting. There are 5 camping areas. The 27,000 acre North Cow Mountain RA is closed to Off-Highway Vehicles. The 23,000 acre South Cow Mountain Off-Highway Vehicle RA has developed roads for OHV recreation. Open to hunting all year during legal seasons. Deer, bear, wild pig, coyote, wild turkey, CA quail, dove, tree squirrel, band-tailed pigeon, cottontail and jackrabbit are present. Bureau of Land Mgt in Ukiah (707) 468-4000.

Horseshoe Ranch Wildlife Area – Hunting daily during hunting seasons – Type C wildlife area – 8600 acres of oak woodland. Location about 14 miles north of Yreka near the Oregon border. From the south, take the Henley-Hornbrook exit off Interstate 5 and proceed east (right) on Copco Road for about 12 miles to the Horseshoe Ranch Wildlife Area entrance sign and turn left for ¼ mile to the parking area. California and mountain quail, mourning dove, deer and black-tailed jackrabbits are present. For a map call (530) 459-3926.

National Forests in the Sierras Nevada Mtns.- The lower elevation areas sometimes have turkeys. Purchase a National Forest map and hike the lowest elevation areas looking for turkey sign in the oak groves.

SPECIAL "JUNIOR" TURKEY HUNT - Spring 2005

April 9th, 10th, 23rd, 24th

University of California

Sierra Foothill Research & Extension Center

8279 Scott Forbes Road

Browns Valley, CA 95918-9636

1. This junior turkey hunt is sponsored by the U.C. Sierra Foothill Research & Extension Center and the Department of Fish and Game Gamebird Heritage Program. Hunters will be selected by lottery. The cost is \$20.00 per hunter (no cost until selected). A current junior hunting license is required. Each junior hunter, or junior hunting party, must be accompanied by a non-hunting adult.
2. A drawing will be held on March 3rd, 2005. If your name is drawn, you will receive notification by March 11th. Only one application per junior hunter. Up to two junior hunters may be selected together as a party and they should submit their applications together. It is important to read the application carefully and follow the instructions.
3. Policy Statement - If you participated in this hunt last year (April 2004), you will not be eligible to participate in this year's program. This will give more junior hunters an opportunity to participate in this program. If you still possess a Jr. License next spring, you will be eligible once again.
4. An orientation tour of the area is available the evening before each hunt, but it is not required. You will be able to scout your assigned area that evening, following orientation, until dark.
5. If you have any questions, call the Department of Fish and Game at (530) 743-5068. Applications can be copied for others interested in the lottery.

(Complete this section and return — Please print neatly)

Name: _____ Jr. Hunting License # _____
or scheduled Hunter Safety Course completion date

Address: _____

City State Zip Area Code Home Phone

If available, would you like an experienced turkey hunter to accompany you and your adult companion?

YES NO Circle One

Date Choice: April 9_____, April 10_____, April 23_____, April 24_____
(Mark 1, 2, 3, & 4 for date preferences, 1 for first choice, 4 for last, and N/A for dates not available)

Mail to: U.C. Junior Turkey Hunt, 8279 Scott Forbes Road, Browns Valley, CA 95918-9636 (or)

Fax to: (530) 639-2419

Illegible or incomplete applications will be disqualified.

Turkey Hunt at Englebright Lake for "Mobility Impaired Hunters"

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at Englebright Lake (20 miles east of Marysville) is offering wild turkey hunting opportunities for "mobility impaired hunters". A "mobility impaired hunter" is defined as any person who has been issued a Department of Motor Vehicles, "disabled license plate, or permanent parking placard identification card", or a "Disabled Veteran" license plate, or a valid "Mobility Impaired Disabled Persons Motor Vehicle Hunting License" (FG form 1460).

The blue plastic "Disabled Parking Placard" may not be substituted for the required "Identification Card" which bears the name of the mobility impaired person. Disabled hunters must provide the registration certificate for DMV issued disabled license plates.

How to Apply: Send a note with the hunter's name, address, phone/hunting license numbers and a copy of proof of "mobility impairment". Send the letter to DFG, Englebright Lake MI Hunt, 1701 Nimbus Road, Suite A, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670. List the following weekends in order of preference and availability: March 26-27; April 2-3; 9-10; 16-17; 23-24; and April 30-May 1, 2005. Only 6 hunters will be drawn.

FREE WILD TURKEY HUNTING SEMINARS

Chico - Chico Sportsmen's Den, 465 East 20th Street.. Seminar in early March. Speaker is Mike Walters from Hunter Specialties. Will discuss scouting, general turkey knowledge, locating turkeys, calling and camouflage. More Info: Contact Dave or Duane at 530 891-5238.

Marysville – Long's Drug Store next to Albertson's – No date set, probably March. More info: Call Barry at 530 742-3206.

Oakley - Hook, Line and Sinkers, 3100 Main Street. No date set, probably March. Call 925 625-2441 for further info.

Walnut Creek - Woolley's Sporting Life, 1684 Locust St., Tuesday, Feb. 26, 2005 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Please call to register. More Info: 925 939-5455.

San Pablo – The Bow Rack, 1085 Broadway Ave. Date undetermined at press time. More info: www.bowrack.com or 510 236-8303.

Pleasant Hill – Hogan's Sporting Goods, 1500 Contra Costa Blvd. Date and time undetermined at press time. More info: 925 686-1985.

Fair Oaks - 8th annual free turkey hunting training seminar on Saturday, March 5, 2005, from 9AM to 4PM at the Fair Oaks Presbyterian Church, 11427 Fair Oaks Blvd in Fair Oaks.

If you are aware of other businesses offering hunting or fishing seminars, please call Dale Whitmore at 530 743-5068 with the name of the business or person offering the seminar.

FREE WILD TURKEY HUNTING SEMINAR IN SACRAMENTO

The California Department of Fish and Game (DFG) in cooperation with Wilderness Unlimited (WU) and the National Wild Turkey Federation (NWTF) will sponsor the eighth annual Wild Turkey Expo. The turkey hunting seminar will be on Saturday, March 5, 2005, 9:00 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Fair Oaks Presbyterian Church, 11427 Fair Oaks Blvd, Fair Oaks, California.

The popular, free event, which has drawn standing-room-only crowds, will provide comprehensive information on wild turkey biology and hunting, with a strong focus on hunting turkeys on public land. Topics include locating the birds, where to hunt turkeys on public land, calling, turkey habits, camouflage, the use of shotguns and archery equipment, cooking that bird, and equipment demonstrations. Sporting Goods Companies will be on hand to show you the latest equipment, clothing and everything you will need for turkey hunting. Other like-minded organizations will share information about other hunting opportunities.

Veteran turkey hunter Terry Knight, who is also a writer for many popular outdoor publications, will be a featured speaker at the event and will instruct how to use turkey calls, decoys, archery and shotgun hunting techniques, and camouflage methods. Knight has served as the president of the California State Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation and operated a successful turkey guiding business for more than 11 years. He annually conducts several training seminars on hunting wild turkeys throughout Northern California.

Several knowledgeable persons will discuss shotgun selection and shooting, patterning your shotgun and the proper loads to use. Hunting techniques, use of turkey calls, and a question and answer period will also be part of the program.

DFG's wild turkey biologist Scott Gardner will offer insight to hunters and naturalists on the wild turkey's habitat and where to find them on public lands. In addition to Gardner, other DFG personnel will be available to answer questions.

The seminar is free and open to the public. Lunch will be provided for a \$5.00 donation. For more information contact Susan Herrgesell, Program Coordinator, California Department of Fish and Game (530) 225-2319 or sherrges@dfg.ca.gov. Terry Knight can be reached at (707) 263-1699 or at tlknight@pacific.net.

What is a Junior Hunter?

A junior hunter is a person who has successfully completed their hunter education training course and has purchased their junior hunting license before their 16th birthday. The junior license is valid for the current hunting year even though they will pass their 16th birthday during that hunting season. Buy your junior license before you become 16.

Junior hunters are issued free entry permits on Type A and B Wildlife Areas and National Wildlife Refuges. The junior hunter must be accompanied by a person at least 18 years old. A person who is at least 18 years may bring up to two junior hunters to hunt with him or her.

Junior hunters are not required to purchase California Upland Game Bird Stamps or California Duck Stamps. A Federal Duck Stamp is required for hunting ducks on and after their 16th birthday. The annual Youth Waterfowl Day is open only to those hunters who have not had their 16th birthday on the event day.

ARCHERY WILD PIG HUNTS AT LAKE SONOMA – 2004-05

Archery and crossbow hunting of feral pigs is permitted on about 10,000 acres of the US Army Corps of Engineer property near Geyserville. Lake Sonoma is about 70 miles north of San Francisco and west of Highway 101. There are many hundreds of pigs estimated to be on the property. Hunting began in October and will end for the season on the last day of March 2005. Hunting is open every day in February except Feb. 21; and every day in March except March 24, 25, 26 and 27.

Procedures: All hunters check in at the visitor center by filling out a hunter information card located at the self-registration area of the visitor center. Hunters turn in half of the card on entering and half on checking out. Hunters are required to display a valid hunting license on their person while in the field and have pig tags with them. Pigs are the only species to be hunted, dogs may not be used and no firearms may be in your possession while at Lake Sonoma. Shooting hours are the legal shooting hours for big game from one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset. Hunting is restricted to areas shown on the map posted in front of the visitor center. Any questions should be directed to the Lake Sonoma Visitor Center (707) 433-9438 Ext 27.

2005 JOICE ISLAND PIG HUNT

The DFG will be holding a permit only pig hunt to control a small population of wild pigs on the Joice Island Unit of Grizzly Island Wildlife Area in Solano County. Joice Island is a 2150 acre wetland area consisting of thick cattails, tules, some brush and standing water. **ONLY SHOTGUNS USING SLUGS WILL BE ALLOWED FOR THIS HUNT.** The first weekend of this hunting opportunity has been reserved for junior hunters. Two-day pig hunt permits will be issued by drawing for the following weekends:

JUNIOR HUNTERS (12 and over w/Jr License) – March 5-6, 2005

GENERAL (Adults or Juniors may apply) – March 12-13, March 19-20, March 26-27, April 2-3, April 9-10, April 16-17, April 23-24, April 30-May 1, May 7-8, May 14-15, May 21-22, May 28-29, 2005.

Three hunters will be drawn for each of the 13 weekends, for a total of 39 hunters. The drawing for the 39 two day permits will be held on February 17, 2005. Permits with maps and additional information will be mailed to successful applicants. A permit holder may bring one non-hunting partner. Hunters may use dogs for this hunt.

HOW TO APPLY: Send a standard U.S. Postal Service postcard (available at local post offices), with the following information: Hunter Name (Junior hunters must also provide name of adult chaperone), valid Hunting License #, address, City, State, Zip, Telephone Number and Hunt Date. Mail application card to: Joice Island Pig Hunt, 2548 Grizzly Island Road, Suisun, CA 94585.

CHOOSE ONLY ONE HUNT DATE: Application cards must be received by close of business, Wednesday, February 16, 2005. Each hunter may apply only one time and for only one date. Applications will be accepted for parties of up to two hunters, but the card must contain information for both hunters. Incomplete cards and multiple entries will not be accepted. There is no fee to apply.

GRAY LODGE CLEAN UP AND FIELD DAY APRIL 2, 2005

Each year over 100 hunters/family members show up for a light duty clean up and wood duck box inspection day at Gray Lodge WA. The California Waterfowl Association is seeking volunteers for this morning/early afternoon cleanup. Activities will also be available to children of all ages. All family members are encouraged to participate as the day will be educational, entertaining, and most importantly, improve the quality of our wildlife area. Mike Womack, Gray Lodge Wildlife Area Manager, will update us on trends in wetland management.

Start time is 8:00 am. Coffee, juice and breakfast snacks will be provided prior to hitting the field with an excellent barbecue lunch, raffle, and silent auction ending the day, around mid afternoon. A small fee of \$7.50 per person/\$5.00 for kids 16 and under will be charged to those eating lunch to help offset food costs.

What you need to do:

1. RSVP to the address below (preferred), or sign up at the Gray Lodge check station. 2. Bring outdoor work clothes, boots, and chest waders if you have them. 3. Bring tools: gloves, hammer, pruning shears, rakes, shovels, etc.

For more info, please contact Phil Fischer (925) 827-7953 (day), (925) 672-3475 (evening), or via email at: Philfischer@sbcglobal.net.

WORKDAY- FEBRUARY 26, 2005 – BUILD QUAIL BRUSHPILES

The Northern California Quail Unlimited (QU) Chapter from Sacramento and the Dept. of Fish and Game are sponsoring a brush pile building project at the Daugherty Hill Wildlife Area 20 miles east of Marysville on Feb. 26 from 8 am to 4 pm. Collins Lake Campground is providing camping at half price for those who want to camp on Friday or Saturday night. Bring gloves and a chain saw if you have one. The Daugherty Hill Wildlife Area has over 4000 acres of the best quail hunting in California. This is a good opportunity to come see the area. Initial meeting site will be parking lot 3 near the intersection of Marysville Road and Loma Rica Road (Country Store is located at this intersection). For more info contact QU Habitat Coordinator Bob Zettlemoyer at 916 359-0841 or email at howzett@surewest.net.

New Wildlife Area Workday - Saturday, March 12, 2005

Where: 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. -Darby Road Unit, 689 acres of foothill oaks and brush, Daugherty Hill Wildlife Area

What: Opportunity to help the Sutter Buttes Chapter, Mule Deer Foundation and the Dept. of Fish and Game with the preparation of a new unit of the Daugherty Hill Wildlife Area for public access.

Projects: 1) Roll up a lot of old barbed wire fences, Cleaning up old barbed wire hidden in the grass prevents hunting dogs from being injured and people from tripping on it. 2) Clean up of wire debris, and 3) build a boundary fence of barbed wire.– Please bring any of the following: leather gloves, wire cutters, bucket, post hole diggers, post pounder, shovel and an ATV w/trailer. Come see the soon to be opened wildlife area. Lunch and drinks provided.

For a map on how to find the wildlife area please call: Mule Deer Chapter Representative Jerry Mathews at 530 673-1936, or DFG Biologist Dale Whitmore at 530 743-5068.

RABBIT SEASON HERE JULY 1 (proposed)

WILDLIFE AREAS OFFER MANY HUNTING OPPORTUNITIES

California hunters are looking forward to another rabbit season. The proposed season begins July 1, 2005 and extends through January 30, 2006 for cottontail, brush, pygmy and snowshoe rabbits. Jackrabbit season remains open year round.

Legal shooting hours are one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset. The best time to hunt rabbits is early morning and at sunset, when they're most active. The limit is five per day, and 10 in possession statewide. There is no limit for black-tailed and white-tailed jackrabbits. Most shotguns, archery and rifles (including air rifles firing pellets, excluding BB's, powered by compressed air or gas) are legal for rabbit hunting.

Each year, California hunters report the harvest of about 85,000 cottontails and 75,000 jack rabbits.

Rabbits are famous for speed, which is why they're so much fun to hunt. Jackrabbits hide by "freezing" in cover, but once they're jumped they head for open country. Cottontails run in a big circle after they're jumped, so many hunters will use a dog to trail the rabbit while the hunter waits for it to return. Look for rabbits in brushy, rocky areas where they can hide from predators. Brushy, stream side habitat is also a favorite. Wildlife areas along the major rivers provide some of the best rabbit hunting.

If you are interested in creating brush piles or rock piles for rabbit habitat that will provide game for years to come, call Wildlife Biologist Dale Whitmore at (530) 743-5068 and ask for tips on where and how to make a wildlife brush pile. A sportsmen club or eagle scout project on either public or private lands is a project which will produce wildlife for years to come.

Rabbits vary greatly in size, from less than a pound for a pygmy rabbit, to more than 10 pounds for a white-tailed jackrabbit. There are seven species of rabbit in California.

Recommendation- The Feather River Wildlife Area units located between Sacramento and Marysville-Yuba City had an abundance of cottontail rabbits in 2004. The combination of no flooding since 1997, good habitat, and favorable spring weather for upland game species produced an abundance of rabbits. If the 2005 spring flooding is not severe, this should be another very good year. Bring your shotgun (no rifles or pistols are allowed), be there at daylight, enjoy the sunrise and good hunting.

Most of the Department's wildlife areas are open to rabbit hunting. There may, however, be restrictions to the method of take. For a complete listing of state and federal wildlife areas open to hunting, refer to the 2004 California Regulations For Hunting and Other Public Uses On State and Federal Areas (the new booklet for 2005 may be available in late September). For complete hunting regulations consult the 2005-2006 California Hunting Regulations, Mammals and Furbearers which may be available at all Department of Fish and Game offices and license agents in June.

SUISUN MARSH FIELD DAY

SATURDAY, JUNE 4, 2005

The California Waterfowl Association has organized an entertainment and information field day at the Grizzly Island Wildlife Area located 15 miles south of Fairfield. Take Highway 12 to Grizzly Road and turn south to the wildlife area headquarters. Admission to the event is free, with a BBQ lunch and refreshments available at an additional charge. It runs from 9am-5pm. There will be a youth waterfowl calling contest as well as many other activities for the children. Wildlife artists, decoy carvers, dog trainers, duck callers, and manufacturer representatives will be some of the people on hand. For more info call CWA @ (916)648-1406.

For the Ducks!

Be a Gray Lodge Wildlife Area Wood Duck Box Volunteer

The largest wood duck nest box monitoring program in the state needs your help from March to July. Working closely with a section leader, you will experience wildlife up close. Crews of two to three collect data from the nest boxes to understand and enhance the local wood duck population and other wildlife, including wrens, kestrels, opossum and owls. Call Lori Dieter at (530) 846-7505 for details. Gray Lodge WA is located 20 miles northwest of Yuba City.

Adopt-A-Guzzler

by Quail Unlimited

Tired of attending meetings? Do you want to go out into the field and actually do something to help quail and other wildlife? Did you know that there are dozens of guzzlers or underground water tanks on state and federal lands that have been installed and not maintained due to lack of funds? These underground water tanks for wildlife are generally placed on ridges or other dry areas far from available water. The new water availability changes little used habitat into much used habitat and increases the wildlife populations. The Northern California Quail Unlimited (QU) Chapter of Sacramento has undertaken the restoration and maintenance of several public land guzzlers. Help us restore these tanks and learn about the public lands near you. For more info contact QU Habitat Coordinator Bob Zettlemoyer at 916 359-0841 or email at howzett@surewest.net.

TROUT RELEASE INFORMATION

AVAILABLE BY TELEPHONE

Are you planning a vacation and want to go fishing where you will have a good likelihood of catching some trout? Find out when and where the Department of Fish and Game has, or will be releasing trout by calling the numbers listed below. Trout planting info covering the area of the western side of the Sierra Mountains from Calaveras County north is at (916) 351-0832; Northern California - (530) 225-2146; and the Coastal Counties from Mendocino to San Luis Obispo - (707) 944-5581.

Persons interested in going hunting this fall should be making plans now to take their required hunter safety course. Hunter education courses must include at least 10 hours of training in both hunter safety and wildlife conservation. Some courses also include shooting practice at a range. Volunteers teach the courses and may charge a fee of up to \$10 per person. For upcoming courses contact any of the applicable numbers below or the following numbers for your area. No. California and No. Coast Region (530) 225-2003; Sacramento Valley and Central Sierra Region (916) 351-0833; Central Coast Region (707) 944-5576; San Joaquin Valley and So. Sierra Region (209) 243-4027; or So. California Region (562) 590-5670.

Hunter safety courses are also offered through local sporting goods stores, city or county recreation departments, shooting rangers or other hunting related businesses. The following is a list instructors to contact for the areas listed.

Northern Calif. – North Coast Region

Crescent City	707-464-7157	Don Kelly
Eureka	707-443-6328	Brad Smith
Red Bluff	530-528-8819	Bob Barney
Redding	530-225-1025	Marshall Jones
Redding – Home Study	530-225-2300	Monthly - pick up packet at DFG office, 601 Locust St. Redding
Susanville- Home Study	530-251-2136	Cliff Bannister for dates
Sacramento Valley - Central Sierra Region		
Auburn & Lincoln	530-878-6937	Monthly
Rancho Cordova	916-351-0538	Monthly
West Sacramento	916-617-4620	Monthly
Stockton	209-937-8206	Monthly
	209-823-7919	Monthly-Manteca Sportsmen's Club
Placerville	530-644-2797	Monthly
Elk Grove	916-686-1852	Monthly- Mike Green
El Dorado County	530-622-3794	Monthly-Bill Adams or
	530-622-2480	Monthly- Jim Russell
Roseville	916-728-5500	Monthly-Brad Gunter
Vacaville	707-449-4867	Monthly-The Shooting Gallery
Chico	530-896-9935	Monthly-Butte Co. Search & Rescue Building
Cameron Park	530-677-6996	Private Classes- Vern Luce
Grass Valley	530-273-4440	Monthly-The Range-Fred Pfadt
Yolo County	530-662-3372	Monthly-Knights Landing Sportsmans Club,
	530-662-2349	Yolo Sportsmans Assoc.
	530-662-4873	Mike Russow
	530-666-3752	George Gumpy
Yuba City/Marysville	530 743-1518	Terry Oaks,
	530-751-7767	Monthly- Joe/Joan Becker
	530-671-9250	Monthly-Chuck Wyllie
Oroville	530-533-2011	Nelson Recreation Center- Jason Sehon
Paradise	530-877-5114	Paradise Sporting Goods, Larry Mane
Portola	530-832-5372	Sylvia Olsen
Chester	530-258-2415	Dave Gonyer or
	530-596-4115	George Orloff
Quincy	530-283-1378	Harry Howsden
Rio Linda	916-991-5929	Rio Linda Rec Center
Rocklin	916-632-4100	Rocklin Community Services-Brett Mattix
Hamilton	530-826-0532	Kieth Dietle
	530-826-3261	
Willows	530-934-2638	John Hays
Diamond Springs	530-622-3794	Daimond Springs Fire Dept.-Bill Adams
Alameda County		
Castro Valley	510-569-0213	First Saturday of every month-Chabot Gun Club
C.V. / Livermore	925-216-7269	Neal Kernes
	925-447-6682	Lorrie Ambrosino-Feb - May
San Leandro	510-638-9605	Monthly – San Leandro Optimist Club Rifle & Pistol Range
Dublin	925- 828-6416	Buck Buchanan
Hayward	510-785-4868	Wilderness Unlimited – Ray Hedval
Contra Costa County		
Brentwood	925-625-4347	Rod & Chris Jenneihan
Concord	Register in person	United Sportsman, Inc. – Pete Margiotta
		Register at 4770 Evora Rd., Concord
	925-685-5437	Concord Sportsman Inc.- Cliff Ames
Martinez	925-372-9599	Martinez Gun Club
	925-229-4867	Scott Youell
San Pablo	707-425-2618	The Bow Rack – Salvatore Di Marco

Hunter Education Training Schedule

Lake County		
Upper Lake	707-275-3354	Clifford Shick – when enough sign up.
	707-275-9304	Joe Diaz
Lakeport	707-263-1585	Phil Phillips – Tentative class 2 nd week of June
San Francisco County		
San Francisco	650-588-0924	Pacific Rod & Gun Club, John Brusco
		Jan , Mar, May, July & Aug. classes
San Mateo County		
San Mateo	650-343-1280	Coyote Point Shooting Range
	650-341-0429	John Galloway – Mar, May & Sept. classes
So San Francisco	510-713-8907	Jackson Arms, Bill Tidwell
Cupertino	408-972-2360	Sunnyvale Rod & Gun Club – Sol Silverstein
Santa Clara County		
Morgan Hill	408-842-7578	Coyote Valley Sporting Clays – Mar.-Nov classes
San Jose	408-972-2360	Santa Clara Field Sports Park -Sol Silverstein
		Feb. May & Aug. classes
Santa Clara	408-970-9870	Reed's Indoor Range- Feb.-Oct. classes
Santa Cruz County		
Santa Cruz	831-423-0548	Gary Lease
	831-772-4812	Bob Wilt
Solano County		
Vallejo	707-642-9094	Warren Madison
Suisun	707-425-2618	Salvatore DiMarco
Vacaville	707-449-4867	The Shooting Gallery
Napa/Sonoma County		
Sonoma	707-938-5473	Valley of the Moon Trap Club
Healdsburg	707-431-3377	Officer Steve Moore
Napa	707-648-0410	Napa Rifle & Pistol Club-Sam Grow
Santa Rosa	707-543-3282	Steele Lane Comm. Center
Petaluma	707-769-8235	Black Point Sporting Clays
San Benito County		
Paicines	800-209-5175	Rock Springs Ranch
Lake County		
Hidden Valley	707-987-8180	Classes pending
Lakeport	707-263-1585	Phil Phillips
Marin County		
San Rafael	707-769-8235	Bullseye Shooting Range
Mendocino County		
Ukiah	707-485-0297	Ukiah Elks Club, Richard Turner
	707-463-0434	Ukiah Gun Club-Robert Fuchs
Monterey County		
Chualar	831-679-5965	Jim Miller
Prunedale	831-663-3224	Bob Monahan
Hunter-Liggett	831-386-2522	Alfonzo Sanson
Monterey Area	831-626-6586	Geoff Malloway
San Luis Obispo County		
Atascadero	805-461-5624	Santa Lucia Sportsmen's Assoc.-Jim Berman
San Luis Obispo	805-541-3338	San Luis Obispo Sportmen's Assoc
	805-543-0429	Classes held when enough students sign up. Madelene Farris
Cambria/Paso Robles	805-467-3209	Classes held when enough students sign up. Todd Tognazzini
	805-237-3988	Paso Robles Cenntinnial Park – Dennis Doberneck
San Miguel	805-467-3209	San Miguel Lion's Club, Frank Nations
Santa Maria	805-937-2441	Santa Maria Gun Club, Jim Banakus
	805-346-2214	Trini Martinez
	805-934-5737	Tom Martinez
Bowhunting Classes		
Challenge	530-534-0977	Darryl McElmurry
Yuba City	530-671-9250	(Chuck Wyllie & Gene Kreb)
	530-751-7767	(Joe Becker)
Stockton	209-463-8860	(John Watters)
Grass Valley	530-268-3549	(Dave Deacon)
Esparto	530-787-3259	(Marshall Myers)
Roseville	916-723-6792	(Robert Moore)
Rocklin	916-635-6759	(Jim Williams)
	916-630-8700	(Wilderness Archery)

Advanced Hunter Education Workshops

The Dept. of Fish and Game and other organizations are presenting the following workshops. For more info go online to <http://www.dfg.ca.gov/coned/huntclinics> or call Susan Herrgesell at 530 225-2319. Please fill out a separate online form and send separate checks for each clinic. Reservations will be on a first come/first serve basis. Deadline for registrations, including fees, will be due two weeks prior to the workshop date. Make checks payable to: California Wildlife Foundation and send them to Dept. of Fish and Game, Advanced Hunter Ed Program, 601 Locust Street, Redding, CA 96001.

If you cannot go online, please send the following info: workshop name and date, your name, address, city, state and zip, phone #'s during day and evening along with the check. You will receive a confirmation of your registration and, approximately two weeks prior to the clinic you will receive a packet of information containing directions to the property and a list of items you will need to bring.

Bow Hunting Clinic – March 19, 2005 on Wilderness Unlimited Property in Williams, CA from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Members of the National Bow Hunter Education Foundation have offered to instruct this exciting clinic. This clinic will benefit all hunters interested in becoming a bow hunter and those who have been bow hunting but want more knowledge. Topics will include shooting form, equipment, methods, camo, scents, stands, blinds, blood trailing, safety, and more. Cost: \$40.

Wild Pig Hunting Clinic – April 30, 2005 at Fort Hunter Liggett. 25 miles west of King City in Monterey County from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. In partnership with Pacific Coast Hunter Education Association, we bring you this exciting clinic which will cover biology, hunting considerations and requirements, methods of take, methods of locating wild pigs, hunting techniques, locations to hunt, care of game and the final reward... wild pig recipes. Cost: \$30.

Big Game Hunting Clinic - May 14-15, 2005 at the Wilderness Unlimited Property in Williams, CA. Are you new to big game hunting? Or, are you not as successful as you'd like to be? Here's the class for you...learn from the experts. This two-day clinic will give you the hands-on information you need to be successful. The format will include four concurrent sessions, two on Saturday, two on Sunday covering (1) deer of California, areas to hunt, zones, etc., (2) hunting strategies, scouting, tracking, and recognizing signs, (3) equipment, shot placement, shoot-don't shoot scenarios, and (4) field dressing, butchering, and transporting. You will have the opportunity to attend all sessions. We will be camping on the property. Bring your own food and tent or RV. Space is limited. Cost:\$60

Gun Dog Handling Clinic - June 4, 2005 in Tehachapi, CA from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The 4 Seasons Hunt Club near Tehachapi will be our host for this informative clinic. At this clinic you will learn about gun dog training and hunting from some of the best in the field. Dez Young and his Llewellyn setter, Dash, from the Outdoor Life Network's Upland Days with Dash and Dez will be presenting Training from an Amateur's Perspective. Also on hand will be Chuck Breslin of Four Paws Kennels, Danette Weich, DVM, Dave Hamilton of Guns & Roosters Hunting Preserve, Bryce Mann from Team Tritronics, and Captain Dennis Davenport from Dept. of Fish and Game. You won't want to miss this clinic. Cost \$40

Wild Pig Hunting Clinic - June 4, 2005 at the Martinez Gun Club, Martinez CA from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. In partnership with Pacific Coast Hunter Education Association, we bring you this exciting clinic which will cover biology, hunting considerations and requirements, methods of take, methods for locating wild pigs, hunting techniques, locations to hunt, care of game and, the final reward...wild pig recipes. Cost: \$30

Land Navigation & Survival Clinic - June 11-12, 2005 at the Wilderness Unlimited Property, Tehachapi, CA. This course will provide you with the information to venture outdoors with confidence. We will cover the fundamentals of navigation, compasses, and map types. The second day we will concentrate on wilderness survival skills. Lots of hands-on experiences. Cost: \$50.

Land Navigation & Survival Clinic – July 16-17, 2005 at the Stonyford area, northern Colusa County. Jeff Banke, author of Land Navigation for the California Hunter, will cover the fundamentals of navigation, compasses, map types, GPS units and wilderness survival skills with real life situations. This will be a backpacking adventure. This course is a "must" for successful and safe hunting. A weekend of hands-on experiences. Cost: \$50.

Waterfowl Hunting Clinic - August 13, 2005 in Crescent City, CA from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. From duck calls to duck identification, this clinic has it all. In this clinic we will focus on calling, bird ID, ethics, etiquette, gauging distance, decoy placement, and ballistics. Cost: \$30

Waterfowl Hunting Clinic - September 10, 2005 at Rancho Esquon, Butte County from 9:00 am-4:30 pm. In partnership with California Waterfowl Association we are offering this waterfowl hunting clinic. Topics will include hunting habitats, bird ID and behavior, site set up, gear and garb, calling 'em in, K9 considerations and more! This workshop is appropriate for hunters of all ages and abilities. Cost \$40 (Includes CWA membership, hat, materials and lunch.)

Upland Game Hunting Clinic - September 17, 2005 at the High Desert Hunt Club, near Gorman (south of Bakersfield) from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. In partnership with Quail Unlimited, this clinic will include information about how to hunt pheasant, quail, and chukar. Topics will include history, habitat, food, range maps, equipment, and hunting with or without a dog. There will be dog demonstrations, both pointers and flushers. Space is limited. Cost: \$40

Upland Game Hunting Clinic - September 24, 2005 at the Wilderness Unlimited Property in Williams, CA from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. In partnership with Quail Unlimited, this clinic will include information about how to hunt pheasant, quail, and chukar. Topics will include history, habitat, food, range maps, equipment, and hunting with or without a dog. There will be dog demonstrations, both pointers and flushers. Space is limited. Cost: \$40

Waterfowl Hunting Clinic – October 1, 2005 at the Wilderness Unlimited Property in Williams, CA from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Learning waterfowling from the BEST at this comprehensive waterfowl clinic...Mike Carion, Assistant Chief of the Dept. of Fish and Game. Mike's expertise in waterfowl hunting and identification is renowned. And, John Hayden, scull boat manufacturer, will be there to demonstrate scull boating. Topics to be covered are concepts of decoy placement, blind design, ballistics, calling, duck ID, and safely. Space is limited. Cost: \$40.

California Waterfowl Association - Kids Camps

The California Waterfowl Association (CWA) will host "Kids Camps" this summer at Red Bluff in northern California. Campers from 10-14 years of age learn the basics of outdoor responsibility. Hunting and fishing skills are taught through the California Hunter Education Program. Campers are tested at the end of their stay and receive the hunter safety certificate with a passing score.

Campers who already have their hunter education certificate improve their shooting, archery, fly-tying, fly and bait fishing, tracking, bird calling, dog training, survival and first aid, identification and conservation skills. Many outdoor activities keep the campers busy and focused on a great week in the outdoors.

Camps are held at Red Bank Ale & Quail Game Bird Club near Red Bluff.

Dates for this year's camps are:

Camp #1 - Beginning (ages 9-14) - June 12-17, 2005

Camp #2 - Beginning (ages 9-14) - June 19-24, 2005

Camp #3 - Beginning (ages 9-14) - June 26 - July 1, 2005

Camp #4 - Intense Shooting Camp (ages 12-15) - July 10-14, 2005

Applications are due May 20, 2005. For an application, contact cwaeducation@calwaterfowl.org. Camps are filled on a first-served basis. Cost is \$550/camper. For more information, please contact either Debbie Pfanner (916) 791-5535, or Judy Oswald at (530) 757-2361, or the CWA office at (916) 648-1406.

CALIFORNIA WOOD DUCK PROGRAM BANQUET IN FAIRFIELD - April 2, 2005

The California Waterfowl Association organizes this event to fund the wood duck box program. Last year about 7000 wood duck boxes were monitored by 500 volunteers and over 30,000 ducklings were hatched. Since 1991 well over 180,000 ducklings have been hatched. Please come out and support our wood ducks.

What: Oak Smoked Bar-B-Q Prime Rib and Chicken Dinner

When: Saturday, April 2, 2005, Doors open at 5:30 pm and dinner is at 7:00 pm.

Where: Fairfield Community Center in Fairfield. From Highway 12, take Pennsylvania Avenue exit, make right turn on Pennsylvania and right on Kentucky Street. From I-80, exit Travis Blvd eastbound to Pennsylvania southbound and left on Kentucky to 1000 Kentucky Street.

Cost: \$50/adult includes CWA membership; \$30 for youth under 18 includes Sprig membership.

Reservations or more info: Call CWA at 916 648-1406. An auction and raffle will also be held. Hope to see you there!

DFG's Fresh Water Fishing Guide now On-line

Thinking about going fishing but aren't sure where to go? Try the Department of Fish and Game's (DFG) improved Fresh Water Fishing Guide in the internet. DFG has improved the popular fishing guide and has made it available as an interactive internet tool. The new version is a web-based application accessible with an Internet browser.

The Fishing Guide is viewable at <http://www.dfg.ca.gov/fishing/html/FishingGuide/FishingGuide.html>.

The Fresh Water Fishing Guide is an amazing fishing resource that provides information for more than 700 easily accessible fishing locations that provide excellent fishing opportunities. Many of the locations represent waters where DFG has stocked hatchery trout, or where other fish species are available. Each location includes driving instructions, and available camping, lodging, and boating facilities. It also lists the types of fish likely to be caught.

The interactive search tools allow the user to view the entire state, zoom in, and pan around to different areas. Using the computer's zoom tool provides topographic map details of the selected areas that include streams, lakes, roads, communities, elevations and other details. Alternatively, the user can select a specific body of water by name from the dropdown list and view the related information. Along with the written driving instructions and map displays, the guide represents an excellent trip-planning tool for anyone seeking freshwater fishing opportunities in California.

Free Northern California Wildlife Area (WA) Map Booklet June 2003 Edition

Free maps for the following public lands are available at Dept. of Fish and Game by calling (530) 743-5068, mention free MAP BOOKLET and leave your mailing address on the recorder. The following maps are available: White Slough WA - San Joaquin County; New Hogan Lake - Calaveras County, Oroville and Gray Lodge WA's in Butte County, Putah Creek WA - Solano County; Black Butte Lake - Tehama/Glenn Counties; Abbott/O'Connor Lakes, and Nelson Slough WA's in Sutter County; Sacramento Bypass WA - Sacramento County; Lake of the Woods and Daugherty Hill WA's in Yuba County; Spenceville WA - Yuba/Nevada Counties, Sacramento Valley Waterfowl Area Map, Grizzly Island WA - Solano County; Yolo Bypass WA - Yolo County; Llano Seco, Howard Slough and Little Dry Creek Units of the Upper Butte Basin WA in Butte/Glenn Counties; Tehama Wildlife Area in Tehama County; Sacramento, Delevan, Colusa and Sutter National Wildlife Refuges; the public lands around Clear Lake including the Cache Creek and Indian Valley WA's, Cow Mountain, Knoxville and Sheldon Creek Recreation Areas, the Cedar Roughs Area and the Boggs Mountain State Forest; Napa-Sonoma Marshes WA near Vallejo and habitat projects such as conservation easements, mourning dove nest cones, rockpiles/brushpiles, wood duck and bluebird box plans.

Bow Fishing at the Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area

Bow fishing at the Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area is available during the month of April 2005 only. The WA is located east of Davis off of Chiles Road on County Road 32.

Bow fishing will be limited to the North East Unit of the wildlife area. This 780 acre unit consists of permanent ponds and various drainage canals. Access to the North East Unit is from Parking Lot F. Please park only in this lot to access the bow fishing area. DFG laws and regulations pertaining to bow fishing apply and Area regulations must be followed. Please check area bulletin board for special regulations. All carp must be removed from the wildlife area. For questions and comments please contact Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area Manager, Dave Feliz at 530 757-2461.

DFG Signs Agreement to Reopen Mad River Hatchery

California Department of Fish and Game (DFG) Director Ryan Brodrick announced a public-private partnership with the Friends of the Mad River Fish Hatchery Board, a Humboldt County non-profit organization, to provide funding to reopen the Mad River Fish Hatchery at Blue Lake. A memorandum of agreement memorializing the partnership was signed in December 2004. The Mad River Hatchery is located 6 miles from Arcata. The DFG had closed the facility in April 2004 due to a budget decline.

"I am truly impressed with the phenomenal effort put forth by the local communities to make this partnership a reality," Brodrick said. "Our agreement allows the community to support a facility that provides significant economic, educational and recreational benefits, and it provides future angling opportunities for those who enjoy fishing in one of the most beautiful places in California."

Under the agreement, the Friends of the Mad River Fish Hatchery will provide funding for the steelhead trout hatchery through a tax-exempt, non-profit corporation. The group also will provide volunteers and additional resources necessary to operate and maintain the hatchery. The Friends of the Mad River Fish Hatchery will assure the DFG by the beginning of each December that a sufficient amount of money has been raised to produce a minimum of 150,000 yearling steelhead before spawning any fish that year.

DFG will assign a full time fisheries employee to oversee day-to-day operations of the hatchery. This person will be based on-site and will train and supervise volunteers, and respond to emergencies. DFG also will provide additional staff to assist during peak activity periods, such as fish spawning.

"I want to be able to take my children fishing in Mad River for the next 20 years, and the cooperation of the past year between DFG and our community, I believe, will allow us all to do that," said Dave Varshock, president of the Friends of the Mad River Fish Hatchery Board. "The economic consequences of not operating this hatchery would be too much for this community to bear. Everyone realized that, and it was very impressive how hard both sides worked to make this happen." About \$90,000 of a \$150,000 annual budget has already been raised.

Last week, the DFG finalized a similar agreement with the Hot Creek Hatchery Foundation, which will help maintain and improve operations at the Hot Creek Hatchery in Mono County.

APPLY FOR BIG GAME TAGS TO MEET THE DRAWING DEADLINE

Do you plan to apply for antelope, elk, bighorn sheep or deer tags this year? The drawing deadline date for applying is months away but now is the time to mark your calendar to remind you that those applications must be received at the License and Revenue Branch (LRB) in Sacramento by 5:00 p.m. June 2, 2005.

Hunting licenses and deer tag applications will be available at DFG offices and license agents by mid-April. Also available at that time will be the DFG's "Big Game Hunting" Booklet which will contain applications for antelope, deer, elk and bighorn sheep drawings. The "Mammal and Furbearers Hunting Regulation" booklet will be available in mid-May. Information may also be obtained from the DFG web page at <http://www.dfg.ca.gov/lrb>. LRB is selling hunting and fishing licenses at the 3211 S Street office in Sacramento and licenses are sold at DFG, Region 2, 1701 Nimbus Road in Rancho Cordova. For more info call the LRB at (916) 227-2245.

REMOTE YUBA RIVER FISHING ACCESS - 2005

The Dept. of Fish and Game, and the University of California Sierra Foothill Research and Extension Center (UC SFREC) are pleased to provide anglers with fishing access on the lower Yuba River about 20 miles east of Marysville. The cooperative effort will provide a maximum of fifteen anglers per day access to a remote section of the lower Yuba River. The access site is located near Browns Valley CA, approximately 1 1/2 miles upstream of the Hwy 20 bridge. Access allows anglers to fish both banks of the river, between the legal upstream and downstream UC SFREC property boundaries. In addition, anglers can launch car top boats, canoes, kayaks, rafts, and float tubes. Any floatation device used must be carried to the river, as boats requiring the use of a trailer are not allowed. Steelhead fishing in this section of the Yuba River is catch and release with barbless hooks.

Application: To enter the random draw, send a standard post card with: your name, the name of one additional applicant (if you choose), the address and phone number of the primary applicant, and the date you wish to fish to: Dept. of Fish and Game, Lower Yuba River Fishing Access, 1701 Nimbus Road, Suite A, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670.

Fishing Dates: April 16, April 17, May 14, May 15, June 11, June 12, July 9, and August 20. Entry cards must be received 15 days before the day you wish to fish. Successful entries will be notified at least 7 days before the desired fishing date. One entry card per date per person. Applicants under the age of 16 are not required to possess a fishing license. Please indicate on the entry card if you have been or plan to be off of the North American continent within 14 days prior to the date you wish to fish. For more info call 916-358-2926.

Portola Rotary Clubs Lake Davis Fishing Derby

The weekend of June 11-12, 2005 is the date for this popular annual event that offers guaranteed monetary prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places. Also includes prizes from local merchants and others! Entry fee is \$20.00 per person. All proceeds will be used to provide scholarships and fund local community needs. This terrific community event gives all of us a great excuse to spend the day outdoors! Pre-register by calling Portola City Hall at 530 832-4216 or you can sign up at the Lake on the day of the event. See you there.

California's 2005 Ocean Groundfish Regulations Available Online; New Telephone Information System Operational in January

The California Department of Fish and Game (DFG) is announcing the availability of the 2005 ocean sport fishing regulations for groundfish on the Internet at www.dfg.ca.gov/mrd.

Following action taken by the Pacific Fishery Management Council (PFMC) and the Fish and Game Commission, five recreational fishing management areas for groundfish have been established along the California coast. Each area is governed by a different set of groundfish regulations tailored to meet regional needs. The new areas and regulations are set to go into effect on Jan 1, 2005. The five areas, and seasons for boat-based anglers, are:

- The Northern Management Area - California/Oregon border to Cape Mendocino. Open: July-October. Closed: January-June, and November-December.
- The North-Central Management Area - Cape Mendocino to Pigeon Point. Open: July-November. Closed: January-June, and December.
- The Monterey South-Central Management Area - Pigeon Point to Lopez Point. Open: July-November. Closed: January-June, and December.
- The Morro Bay South-Central Management Area - Lopez Point to Point Conception. Open: May-September. Closed: January-April, and October-December.
- The Southern Management Area - Point Conception to the U.S./Mexico border. Open: March-September. Closed: January-February, and October-December.

As in 2004, divers and shore-based anglers will be exempt from most restrictions affecting groundfish in 2005. Important exceptions exist for lingcod and California scorpionfish. For a summary of regulations for each area, go to the DFG Marine Region Web site at www.dfg.ca.gov/mrd/bfregs2005.html or contact your local DFG office.

To help California's saltwater anglers keep up with the latest sportfishing regulations, DFG is also expanding its automated telephone information system in January. The expanded system, available at (831) 649-2801, will provide saltwater regulation information by area, including fishing seasons, fishing depth limits, bag limits, and gear restrictions.

The recreational fisheries affected by groundfish regulation changes in 2005 include those for rockfish, cabezon, kelp greenling, California scorpionfish, lingcod, some flatfish, some sharks, and other federally managed groundfish species. As in the past the state will manage ocean whitefish, California sheephead and rock greenling to be consistent with the federal regulations. For the full list of species managed as groundfish, check the Marine Region Web site at www.dfg.ca.gov/mrd/groundfish_fedlist.html. For more information, send an email to AskMarine@dfg.ca.gov, or check the PFMC Web site at www.pcouncil.org.

Up-to-date fishing regulations may also be found online at DFG's California Ocean Sport Fishing Regulations Map at www.dfg.ca.gov/mrd/fishing_map.html. Complete groundfish regulations, and all updated regulations for 2005, will be published in next year's Ocean Sport Fishing Regulation booklet. The new regulation booklet will be posted to the DFG Marine Region Web site at www.dfg.ca.gov/mrd in early January. Paper copies of the 2005 booklet are available at license vendors.

STEELHEAD REPORT CARDS DUE JAN. 31

The Department of Fish and Game (DFG) reminds all steelhead anglers that the law requires they return their yellow 2004 Steelhead Report Cards. DFG's goal is to improve California steelhead habitat and populations to increase steelhead fishing opportunities and success, but this requires accurate and complete data from anglers. DFG advises that steelhead anglers read their cards carefully, complete the information as accurately as possible, and return it to the address listed below by Jan. 31, 2005.

Steelhead anglers must record their efforts, catches and releases - even if no steelhead are caught - on every trip. DFG uses the information on the cards to monitor and manage California's steelhead populations. Those who did not fish for steelhead in 2004 are asked to write that information on the card. All cards must be returned, regardless of the number of trips taken. Failure to return the card is a misdemeanor.

All wild steelhead must be released unharmed, except in the Smith River. Wild steelhead can be identified by their adipose fin which is intact (second, smaller fin on the back just before the tail). Hatchery reared steelhead may be kept according to the limit in selected waters and are identified by the absence of the adipose fin and a healed scar where the fin had been. Anglers are encouraged to keep the allowable hatchery steelhead limit to reduce the occurrences of hatchery steelhead spawning with wild steelhead.

Steelhead Report Cards should be mailed to:
Department of Fish and Game - NAFWB
Steelhead Report-Restoration Card
P.O. Box 944209
Sacramento, CA 94244-2090

March 2005

Youth In The Outdoors Calendar

5-6 Mendocino Whale Festival, Mendocino County. \$ (800) 726-2780 www.mendocinocoast.com.

6 Youth Trapshooting Clinic, Sacramento Trapshooting, Sacramento County. \$ (916) 481-1336 www.sacramentotrap.com.

15 California Jr. Duck Stamp Contest Deadline. (530) 934-2801, (916) 648-1406 www.calwaterfowl.org.

19 Bow Hunting Clinic, Williams CA, \$40. 530 225-2319.

19-20 Fort Bragg Whale Festival, Mendocino County. \$ (707) 964-0898 www.mendocinocoast.com www.pointcabrillo.org/events.

21, 23, 25 Jr. Turkey Hunt, Tejon Ranch. Kern County. (559) 243-4005 ext 132 or 133.

April 2005

1-3 Aleutian Goose Festival, Crescent City, Del Norte County. \$(800) 343-8300 www.aleutiangoose.festival.org

2 Gray Lodge Wildlife Area Cleanup, Butte County. Free. (530) 846-7500.

2 Earth Day Festival at the Sacramento Zoo, Sacramento County. \$ (916) 264-5888 www.saczoo.com/index.htm

2-3 Jr. Turkey Hunt, Lake Sonoma. (707) 994-2024

9 Creek Week Clean Up Celebration, Sacramento County. Free (916) 482 - 8377 www.sacto-ucc.org

16 Wild on Wetlands Weekend, Merced County. Free (800) 336-6354, (209) 826-2495 www.losbanos.com/wow.htm

15-17 Godwit Days, Humboldt County. \$(800) 908-9464 www.godwitdays.com

23 Youth Archery Workshop, Placer County. Cost: \$10. 9:00-3:00 p.m. Youth 10 years or older and must be accompanied by an adult. To be held at Maya Archery Range in Roseville, California. Cost \$10 for youth - - no charge for adult. Barbecue lunch provided. Clinic is designed to teach basic fundamentals of archery. Hands-on activities and a segment of outdoor ethics will be presented. Equipment provided. Beginners welcome. Sponsored by the Calif. Dept. of Fish and Game. (916) 653-7748 REGISTER.

23-24 Heron Days Festival, Lake County. \$ (707) 994-2024 www.redbudaudubon.org/events.htm

24 Day of the Child/Earth Day, Santa Cruz County. Free (831) 728-6183 www.ci.watsonville.ca.us

29-5/1 Kern Valley Bioregions Nature Festival, Kern County. \$ (760) 378-3044 www.valleywild.org/bioregionsfest.htm.

9-10, 23-24 Jr. Turkey Hunt, Browns Valley, Yuba County. (530) 743-5068

30 Wild Pig Hunting Clinic, Fort Hunter Liggett, \$30. 530 225-2319.

May 2005

7 International Migratory Bird Day at the Zoo, Sacramento County. \$ (916) 264-5888 www.saczoo.com/index.htm

8 Mother's Day for all Species, Monterey County. (831) 728-2822 www.elkhornslough.org

13-15 Spring Wings Bird Festival, Fallon, Nevada. (775) 428-6452 www.springwings.org

14 Walk on the Wildside, Sacramento County. Free (916) 775-4421 www.stonelakes.org/use/wow.htm

14 Bug Day, Santa Cruz County. Free (831) 335-7077 www.santacruzstateparks.org

14 Walk on the Wildside Festival, Sacramento County. (916) 775-4421.

14-14 Big Game Hunting Clinic, Williams, CA \$60. 530 225-2319.

14-15 SF Bay International Migratory Bird Day Celebration, Alameda County. Free (408) 262-5513

20 Reservation deadline for CWA KIDS Camps, Tehama County. \$ (916) 791-5535 www.calwaterfowl.org

21 Tule Lake Migratory Bird Festival, Siskiyou County (530) 667-3121 www.tulelakecalifornia.com

June 2005

3-5 Yosemite Birding Festival, Mariposa and Tuolumne Counties. \$(209) 379-2321 www.yosemite.org.

4 Gun Dog Handling Clinic, Tehachapi CA. 530 225-2319.

4 Wild Pig Hunting Clinic, Martinez Gun Club, Martinez, CA. 530 225-2319.

4 Suisun Marsh Field Day, Solano County. Free (925) 933-3100

11 Statewide Free Fishing Day, No License Required. (916) 653-7664.

11-12 Land Navigation & Survival Clinic, Tehachapi, CA 530 225-2319.

11-12 Amphibian & Reptile Celebration, Kern County. \$ (707) 378-3044 www.visit.kern.com

12-17 Beginning CWA KIDS Camp, Tehama County. \$ (916) 791-5535 www.calwaterfowl.org

17-19 Mono Basin Bird Chautauqua, Mono County. \$ (760) 647-6595 www.monolake.org/events/chautauqua

18 Youth Archery Workshop, Nevada County. Cost: \$10. 9:00-3:00 p.m. Youth 10 years or older and must be accompanied by an adult. To be held at Nevada County Sportsmen Range in Nevada City, California. Cost \$10 for youth - - no charge for adult. Barbecue lunch provided. Clinic is designed to teach basic fundamentals of archery. Hands-on activities and a segment of outdoor ethics will be presented. Equipment provided. Beginners welcome. Sponsored by the Calif. Dept. of Fish and Game. (916) 653-7748

19-24 Beginning CWA KIDS Camp, Tehama County. \$ (916) 791-5535 www.calwaterfowl.org

25-26 Wildlife Art Festival, Sacramento County. \$ (925) 754-4978 www.pacificflyway.org

26-30 Covey Kids Camp, Merced County. \$ (909) 767-3435

26-7/1 Beginning CWA KIDS Camp, Tehama County. \$ (916) 791-5535 www.calwaterfowl.org

July 2005

10-14 Intense Shooting CWA KIDS Camp, Tehama County. \$ (916) 791-5535 www.calwaterfowl.org

10-14 Covey Kids Camp, Madera County. \$ (909) 767-3435

16-17 Land Navigation and Survival Clinic, Stonyford area, northern Colusa County, \$50. 530 225-2319.

23 Ice Cream Safari, Sacramento Zoo, Sacramento County. \$ (916) 264-5888

29-31 Kern Valley Hummingbird Celebration. (760) 378-3044 www.valleywild.org/hummer_fest.htm

August 2005

10-14 Covey Kids Camp, Fresno County. \$ (909) 767-3435

13 Waterfowling Clinic, Crescent City, Del Norte County. \$ (530) 225-2319



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